

The great American question now: Yes, but can he hit the ball?

Madame Kubelik says she loves that dear America. Oh, fiddlesticks!

Fretful, Herr Most's anarchist paper, will be allowed to die with him. No flowers.

We understand that Congressman Longworth says that Mrs. Longworth's angel cake is fine.

"If Youth But Knew" is the title of a new novel. Is there anything that Youth doesn't know?

A New York woman's club leader says "kissing is overdone." Same thing occurred to Hobson.

The first step in making a market for dogfish as an article of cheap food is to give the fish a new name.

New York is going to erect a statue to Joseph Jefferson—at the expense of the rest of the country, as usual.

The Rockefeller family is pretty much like the rest of us, after all. It's three generations from cradle to wig.

A Japanese inventor has produced the wireless telephone. If it will carry Japanese it surely ought to carry English.

Those pessimists who find "cussedness" everywhere ought not to be surprised; they don't look for anything else.

Thirteen thousand miles of new railroad are under construction in this country—and there's nothing unlucky about that!

Maxim Gorke is coming to America. But this is not surprising. The only wonder is that any of them will remain in Russia.

A horse at Benning was beaten by Hocus Pocus. The only remarkable thing about it is that this time Hocus Pocus was a horse.

A bank cashier has gone wrong in Pennsylvania. It would be a relief to hear of something that has not gone wrong in Pennsylvania.

That powdered milk which a Cornell professor is making is prepared for use, like the old-fashioned kind of city milk, by adding water.

If a man can get \$10,000 damages for being hit by a baseball that will be no incentive to him to wear a fender while watching a game.

Talk about mean men! We know one who, because his wife is learning to cook, has ordered the doctor to call every night after dinner.

The simplicity of the people who believe that the simplified spelling idea will be generally accepted right away is beautiful to contemplate.

It is asserted by a well-known lawyer that women are responsible for 80 per cent of the divorces—the other women, he means, no doubt.

If President Castro would only whistle instead of keeping so deathly still, we might feel more confident that he isn't hatching some new mischief.

The man who paid \$6,000 for an orchid at a London auction made a strong bid for fame, but the correspondent failed to say who he was.

Possibly the indifference of the American people in the matter of saving Niagara falls arises from the serene conviction that they can't lose them.

When the courts have decided whether phonographs are "music" they should try to classify the kind of sounds emitted by the average upright piano.

William Banks of Simpson, Wayne county, Penn., has a calf with only two legs, and he doesn't care very much whether the circus comes around this spring or not.

When one considers the few laughs that come between all the cries, there would seem to be ample warrant for the conclusion that life is not much more than a big scare.

Mr. Schwab, the steel king, is building for himself a palatial residence at Bull Frog, Nevada. It is believed he expects to jump from there into the United States senate.

"A harsh voice must always be viewed as a misfortune." Think of this the next time the uncultivated collector comes in and asks you when you are going to pay that bill.

An account of the marriage of Ramesses II. and a Hittite princess in Egypt several years ago has just been dug up. It is a safe bet that it does not report the bridegroom as being attired in the conventional black.

There is a fashion article concerning new garments for dogs. While so many human forms go ragged, robbing a dog seems to be no concern to the true human heart. And there never was a dog that enjoyed it. Behold the sad, downcast look of the fashion clad dog.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Sleeves Are Folderoled.

A trimming down the center of the sleeve is smart, and flat bands of lace with the material of the sleeve gathered in at either side of it make an effective design. The turned-back cuff of velvet and lace is still the favorite finish, but more often now are to be noted the ruffles of lace below the cuff. This fall of lace is so much more becoming to the arm than the hard line given by the cuff that it seems rather odd it has not been more popular.

The long undersleeves of lingerie and lace that are now sold everywhere indicate clearly that, although short sleeves in waists and coats may be fashionable, the most incongruous and becoming fashion of bare arms will no longer prevail, but that when long gloves are not worn the arms will be shielded by these transparent cuffs.

The fashion is one popular with the last generation, and laid away in many an old family chest will be found the old-fashioned undersleeves of finest needlework and lace made on just the same lines as those of to-day.



Half mourning gown of pale gray voile trimmed with darker velvet revers and shaded gray embroidery.

Fancies in Lace.

Those long-pointed shawls of white Spanish lace may now be taken from their sandalwood boxes, for nothing will mark as well the height of exclusive fashionables as the possession of one of these same old beauties. The new shawls shown copying the old designs are very expensive and are made of Spanish or Chantilly laces.

Less expensive are the white and pastel shaded stoles of Cluny and Spanish laces, mounted upon foundations of mousseline and with their edges outlined by a single row of white marabou feathers. An all marabou scarf quite broad and flat has triangular flounces of Spanish lace four inches long edged with tiny white ostrich feather frills.

Lace mitts, another voice from the past fashions, are being shown to equalize the demand for long kid gloves as the season advances. Armlets of suede in all colors to match the spring frocks will dispute the popularity of the mitts and will be quite as good style, but not as practical.

It would be a curious anomaly if, with the increasing vogue for old-fashioned articles obtaining, we should find our love for walking pumps leading to black ribbon crossed ankles.

Dress Novelties.

Never in all the history of things to wear have there been as many novelties. The shops are filled with them and the windows are packed. Row after row they hang, all temptingly set forth for the woman who has the money with which to buy—new girdles, long lace stocks and beautiful neck ruffles.

Some of the new things to wear are strikingly and startlingly elegant. And, in the line of elegant garments, net stands forth very prominently. They are making cloaks of net, wraps of the same material, and whole gowns, dozens of them, all different, and most of them very pretty.

For Evening Gowns.

White brocade and white of all lighter kinds is the latest fancy for evening gowns brought into popularity by the beautiful way in which it combines with brown fur. Fur edgings are not only put on the bottom of the skirts, but are used in Greek key and other fanciful designs for the trimming put high up on the skirt and used on white chiffon and silk muslin evening gowns, and a Siberian hare, which is snowy white, pretty and comparatively inexpensive, comes in a trimming cut so that the width of the skin at the back of the fur is about a third of an inch. Narrow lace is used to top these fur trimmings where they are put on in patterns.

Embroideries for Children.

Although laces and embroideries are used to a considerable extent in designing small fashions, it is far more practical to employ narrow braids and strappings of silk. Delicate embroideries are always smart, but they must be guarded with a care that deprives the tiny wearer of much comfort, and in this age of freedom children are growing out of the idea of being uncomfortable for the sake of fashion.

So many other smart effects can be gained and worn with more ease. Tafeta dresses are really very smart, and the new silks in very wide widths are heavy enough to stand for much wear and tear. A dressy model in light green tafeta has the plaited skirt, finished with a deep hem finished with two bias bands of satin ribbon.



Stylish Gown on Old Mode.

A gown of cream-dotted painted chiffon had panels of rose pompadour ribbon, in that peculiar shade of lettuce green with rose shadow designs, frilled in turn with narrow ribbon plaitings in the green shade. Narrow pompadour ribbon run through lace braid was used to outline the yoke and girdle. Bows of this ribbon had their silken ends fringed and knotted to a depth of four inches. Narrow black and colored velvet ribbons will be used again, run through filmy lace insertions upon the collars and cuffs of lingerie waists and gowns.

A modish maid with a scantily filled jewel box may utilize this fashion for neck trimming, using the wider bands of velvet clasped about her neck when a low-cut gown is worn in lieu of the inevitable dog collar, after the vogue obtaining when Frances Folsom was a white house bride.

The average woman will find it much more satisfactory to buy potato chips, but when bought every housewife should remember to crisp them by placing them in the oven a few minutes before serving.

Mohairs for Home Wear.

A gown made from black and white plaid mohair, is charming for housewearing or informal affairs. The panel front in blouse and skirt is plain white mohair, trimmed on each side with narrow black and white silk braid. All-over heavy white lace makes the stock and bib front and the girdle is plain white mohair.

Foulards, voiles and other loosely woven fabrics will be again in favor. "Fraisette," a new Parisian color, is on the faded rose tint, shading into a brown mauve. Lots of gaiters are being made to match spring suits, worn, in nine cases out of ten, over black shoes. Pastel colored broadcloths trimmed simply with wide white silk braid make charming evening cloaks. Eyelets in tear-drop patterns—long things rounded at the lower end—

combined with the tiniest of round ones make up one attractive design. It looks as though the leading types in winter wedding gowns, the princess and the Empire and the robe with court train, would flourish at Easter. Among slippers some of the plainest, primmest of styles prevail. A quaint pair of pale blue kid ones have eyelets, through which a broad bow of inch-wide ribbon is tied.

Black Velvet Bobs Up Again. Black velvet trimming is playing rather an important part upon the first spring frocks, and a touch of it seems likely to be used upon almost any material or any model.

The black velvet coat collars and cuffs which were introduced upon the tailor coat and coat costumes of white Panama serge, mohair, cloth and even linen last summer are once more in evidence upon the white tailored frocks for southern wear and in some models are supplemented by bands or folds of black velvet upon the skirt.



Mauve crinoline with mauve feather and heliotrope messaline chous.

Poverty Soup.

Place about one or one and one-half quarts water in a kettle, pare and slice two good-sized onions and put into water, cooking one-half hour; then pare and slice as many potatoes as desired for the soup, putting in salt and more water if needed (as little water should be used as possible in order to cook in good shape). When potatoes are nearly done as much as good rich milk should be put in as one desires, seasoning with butter, pepper and more salt if needed. Let this boil up and serve at once.

No Large Bows.

In notes upon lingerie it is a relief to say that the monstrous bows of colored ribbon so extensively affected last summer will happily be relegated to the extremists this year. They were plainly overdone and women will rebel against the free advertisement of needlework and lace which the vogue has created. Ribbons will be used, of course, but they will be the narrowest bands of wash ribbon, tied in unpretentious bows which end at the front and are not repeated on each shoulder and at the back.

Taffeta Suits.

Tailored suits of taffeta will be a la mode for summer wear and stand an excellent chance of supplanting the shirtwaist suit. The models now exhibited are three-piece affairs, the extra garment being, of course, a delicate lingerie blouse of linen or silk. The fate of the taffeta suit is yet in the balance, however, and one is quite safe in investing in a gorgeous model of the shirtwaist genre.



While the Tea Dries

1. Velvet Waist.—Blouse of wine-colored velvet, made with a group of plaits at each side and trimmed with an odd little plastron of the velvet ornamented with buttons. The wide turn-over collar is covered with embroidery, and the little chemisette, hardly more than a standing collar, is of lace or guipure, finished with an edge of silk, which also forms the cravat. The full sleeves are finished with cuffs of the material trimmed with an applique of the same similar to the plastron. The girdle is of wine-colored taffeta, finished at the top



2. White Cloth Waist.—Blouse of white cloth, made with groups of plaits and trimmed with shaped bands of the material, ornamented at the points with buttons and forming a sort of plastron. The sleeves are made and trimmed to correspond. The chemisette is of white batiste or muslin tucked crosswise and trimmed with lace insertion.

3. Pretty Negligee.—Simple negligee of lavender cashmere. The fronts, slightly draped and crossed, form wide box plaits and are finished with a knot ribbon and long ends, the knot fastened with a pretty buckle. The elbow sleeves are made to correspond and are finished with lace ruffles. The chemisette is of white batiste or muslin tucked crosswise and trimmed with lace insertion.

4. Girl's Empire Frock.—Girl's empire frock of greenish-brown with embroidered dots. Both the skirt and short-waisted bodice are gathered at the waist where they are finished with a girdle of guipure. Ruffles of valenciennes lace trim the bottom and form the collar and sleeve ruffles. The cravat is of taffeta or velvet.

SHORT KANSAS ITEMS

Marion has an anti-horse thief association.

Wichita is to have a new wholesale hat house.

Another bank has been established at Scott City.

The new postoffice at Lawrence has been completed.

A new Y. M. C. A. building has been dedicated at Iola.

The last rural lady mail carrier of Kansas has resigned.

Lawrence will have a big musical festival April 6 and 7.

Kansas towns are making preparations to celebrate July 4.

The drag system has proved of great help to Kansas roads.

Kansas agriculturists are experimenting with sugar beets.

High school students at Independence, have introduced hazing.

The Civic League of Winfield has taken up the temperance question.

Salina has secured Sen. La Follette for its first Chautauqua this summer.

Farmers of Pottawatomie county, have started a corn growing contest.

Emporia is complaining because better shows do not come to that town.

No betting will be permitted on the races at the McPherson fair this year.

The M. E. Conference in Southern Kansas has completed its appointments.

Wheat and oats are showing up well in Southern Kansas since the recent rains.

A Kansas police judge recently sentenced a habitual drunkard to bed for a week.

Comanche county is the first this year with an announcement of an "ice cream festival."

The 17th annual tournament of the Sportsman association will be held at Great Bend, April 18 and 19.

There are so many babies along one street in Eldorado that it is commonly known as Roosevelt avenue.

In order to make sure that her vote would be counted a Leavenworth woman signed her name to her ballot.

Attention is being called to the fact that no strike has been declared at the penitentiary coal mines in Lansing.

The word "mutual" no longer belongs to the insurance companies exclusively. There is a Mutual Ice company in Topeka.

It is estimated, since alfalfa seed is worth \$8 a bushel, that a farmer can carry enough of it in his beard to pay for a shave.

Out McPherson way women do not prize their electoral franchise very highly. Only forty-two women registered for the spring election.

Around Caney the drilling of gas wells has suspended for the time being. They believe there, as in Trego county, in letting well enough alone.

W. Y. Morgan explains that the American government is divided into four great departments: The executive, the legislative, the judicial and "Joe" Cannon.

An "expert" estimates that the Ottawa water works and light plant, which the city contemplates buying for \$70,000, could reduce the rates and still give the city an annual profit of \$11,800.

Ottawa imagines its troubles are ended since it declared Tuesday by a vote of more than eight to one in favor of municipal ownership of the water and lighting plants; but in reality they have only begun.

A story is being told of a reporter who was sent to interview Henry J. Allen the day after he was defeated for Congress. The reporter returned with the statement that Allen had said he was knocked speechless.

"What did he say then?" asked the editor. "Nothing; how could he when he was speechless?" replied the reporter.

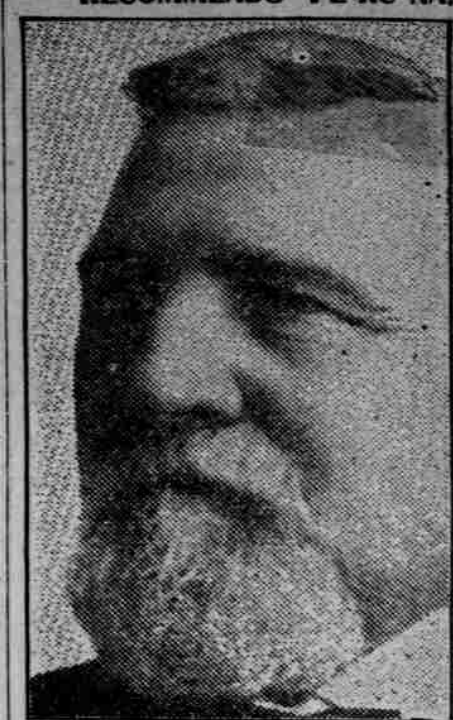
Thomas A. McNeal, the state printer, was telling a few days ago about the year of the big wind. "The wind commenced to blow in March and kept it up without even stopping to spit on its hands, until along in the middle of the summer," he said. "A man's hat blew off his head just as the 'Cannon Ball' train was pulling out of Hutchinson. The hat rolled into Newton four miles ahead of the train. It had been word down by rolling over the ground until there remained only a circular bit of the crown the size of a silver dollar. A tumble weed rolled over the earth at such a rate that it set fire to the grass with the friction. A horse traveled at the rate of six miles an hour against the wind for ten hours and at night was just seventeen miles back of the point where he started in the morning. There was some little talk of calling the legislature together to appropriate money to pay for springing the bed of the Kaw river so as to keep the sand from blowing over the surrounding landscape."

According to the Topeka Capitol, Sheffield Ingalls of Atchison is up to this time the only legislative nominee who wears a goat.

A \$30,000 "cottage" is being built at the state reformatory for girls in Beloit. A house in Central Kansas that costs less than \$20,000 has come to be regarded as a hut.

Mack P. Cretcher, president of the State Editorial association, has a theory that editors ought to chance locations occasionally, as the preachers do. By this means the editors would be able to work off old stuff occasionally just as the pastors use their old sermons.

EX-MAYOR CRUMBO RECOMMENDS PE-RU-NA.



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